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Dear Emyl,

Response to Network Rail Final Representations for DB Cargo (UK) Ltd's proposed 84th Supplemental Agreement

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Network Rail's representations.

DB Cargo (UK Ltd.) is pleased that Network Rail is able to support this application. The Train Slots are all contained in the current Working Timetable and none of them venture remotely near the East Coast mainline. You will recall that previous perceived uncertainty over the future ECML ESG timetable was given as justification for not progressing this Supplemental months ago. It would appear to have taken almost a year to conclude that none of the Train Slots serving Morris Cowley terminal encroach on Oxford station itself and have now therefore apparently been deemed not to impinge on any of the nine locations referred to in ORR's letter dated 24 April 2024. DB Cargo (UK Ltd.) had an expectation that the Access Rights contained in this Supplemental would be approved by the Regulator last year.

DB Cargo (UK Ltd.) has concerns with governance arrangements concerning the "interacting locations" - some of which appear to be locations and others route sections, some of considerable length.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have queries concerning the proposed 84th SA.

Yours sincerely



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